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HE IS A NATIVE OF RICHMOND.

His First Appearance Here Since His Conversion—A Fine Audience.

Hears an Edifying Sermon on "The Still Voices of Heaven."

Rev. S. G. Bottigheimer, of Des Moines, Ia., preached at Beth Ababa Synagogue last night before a large congregation. The young rabbi is the son of Mr. Elias Bottigheimer, of this city. He graduated from the Hebrew University College, in Cincinnati, about a year ago, and his appearance here last night was the first since his conversion.

Naturally enough there was much interest manifested, for Rabbi Bottigheimer was very popular here, and despite the intense heat the synagogue was fairly crowded.

Rabbi Bottigheimer has an excellent delivery, and his thoughtful and able discourse made a profound impression.



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"Then Samuel answered: 'Speak, for Thy servant heareth.'"

When divine messages are transmitted, awe-inspiring stillness is the propitious medium. The significance of the spoken word stands in inverse proportion to the incidental ceremony connected therewith. The weightier the import of the utterance, the less the accessories. In the calm of quietude the dew of Heaven is distilled.

Do we inquire, "What are the still voices of God?" They are the harmonious echoes of the healthy conscience. Let us discover under what existent condition they may be heard, and when expected, the universe is ever resonant with God's still, small voices; but they are not always heard; or, rather, His voice is of restrained. There is no announcement, because men's minds are not always receptive, not in the posture really to listen. Heaven does not reveal itself to the conscience that is not in melodious accord with the key to which its gracious voice is pitched.

MUST BE READY TO RECEIVE.

Four distinct times did the Eternal call Samuel before the auspicious message was finally delivered. He bided the time until there was that frame of mind which our text conveys: "Speak, for Thy servant heareth." The child, Samuel, who was destined to become Israel's king-maker, had been working all day for his God. When lying down for rest at eventide, the Divine Essence made him the recipient of a wonderful commission. Thus it is, when we are garbed in majestic quietude, after we have conscientiously performed the duties of our station, and when we are prepared for the occasion, above all others, for God's still voice.

What, then, are those states of mind which are the prerequisites for being individually the objects of Heaven's address? Let me designate some of them.

A mind disengaged, but not a thoughtless mind; a consciousness unencumbered by ethical stumbling-blocks. Such an adult understanding as Samuel developed. Such a keen perception as each the smitten artisan, the master seaman, the inspired artist, displays in his particular and chosen field. The hour is ripe when the door is open, the conscience unfettered, and the heart bids welcome. An equally necessary feature is a mind unbiassed by the kindly atmosphere of an unwilling guest at the home whose portals are swung upon the creaking hinges of unwarranted prejudice.

DESIRE FOR TRUTH.

There must be a simple desire to hear only the truth, and the disregard of this is why so many messages from on High are in vain; why they become mere toys at the mercy of the winds. Let God speak what He will. Then, there is the condition of evident expectation. The wish becomes ardent longing, intense anxiety. These, too, are the steps, the timely gradations, the ladder of ascent, the man's peculiar part in the fulfillment of the petition born upon his own lips. Heaven has something definite to say, and the heart has leaped to imbibe it. The eye glances to detect the first intimation of the ear is eagerly inclined to listen. These are the fundamental elements in the make-up of those who are inspired to any mammoth work. Every genius is a veritable mouthpiece of Heaven. The message from the Eternal was an advent, and there was a "now," a "present," in it—an opportunity for strong, earnest desire—lost, it was naught; but grasped, life itself. A sense of personality is likewise indispensable to the appreciation of a divine message. A close relation between speaker and hearer cannot be dispensed with. Not only this, but it must be that of superior and subordinate. "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." How closely they approach one another. The human heart is a miniature sanctuary for God's service—a gentle whisper enters the ear and it is assuring and endearing. If we do not expect it personally it will be an empty breath only—no voice at all.

MEETNESS OF CHARACTER.

All these prerequisites for the understanding of the still voices of Heaven—a mind disengaged, a perception unbiased, evident expectation, a sense of personality—require a delicate shading for their symmetrical perfection. This is the province of timely humility. Samuel said, "Thy servant." How fitting in an answer to Heaven! For when the servant hears he hears but to serve. With such a state of heart, and with such environment, God's voices cannot be distant; they will come satisfyingly laden, and we will walk about hearing voices that say:

"Who does the best his circumstance allows. Does well, acts nobly. Angels can do no more."

ALABAMA ELECTION MONDAY.

Difficulties Anticipated—Democratic and Populist Counter-Meetings.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 29.—The Alabama election, at which a full State ticket is to be chosen, will be held next Monday. The campaign, which has been vigorous and bitter, comes to a close to-morrow night. Difficulties are anticipated.

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